Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Thomas A. Degen's dedication to service has made him a valuable asset to this state and country; and,

Whereas, We have very few occasions to recognize the patriotic individuals for their service to this state and country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Degen has devoted over 21 years of his life to the service of this state and country as a Combat Engineer, Horizontal Construction Engineer, and Construction Engineering Supervisor, including service in the Gulf War and in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, and many state activations in support of fire fighting operations, blizzards, and flooding; and,

Whereas, His loyalty and leadership have made him a cornerstone in the Armed Forces of this country; and,

Whereas, Sergeant First Class Degen continues to give of himself; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to commend Sergeant First Class Thomas A. Degen for over 21 years of dedicated and outstanding service to this state and country:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2012, as

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS THOMAS A. DEGEN DAY

in South Dakota, and I join with his family and friends in wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the state of South Dakota and to the United States of America.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this First day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason Gant

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State